

# Special Session Posting A New Record for Length

By VINCENT THOMAS  
 As I write this, it seems likely that we will be able to wind up the work of our 1966 special sessions sometime during the third week of May. Going into the fifteenth week of the first special session sets a new record for such a session in an even-numbered year.

First positive sign that the assembly parties warring over the 1966-67 budget bill might be ending came when the chairman of that house's Republican caucus released its program for cuts in the administration's proposed spending plan for the next fiscal year. The group's nine-member task force came up with a list of reductions totalling \$61.6 million, and the caucus demanded their acceptance as

its price for voting for the budget.

MORE THAN half the cuts, about \$31.7 million, would be made in the enormous \$1.6 billion welfare appropriation. The party spokesman said the reduction could be made without harm to necessary aid for the needy or sick. Limitation of appropriations to prevent any increased spending without complete justification would accomplish the desired result. Included in the cut would be \$5 million in savings already planned by the Department of Finance.

Next largest slash would be \$8.5 million from the administration proposal for anti-poverty centers. The party recommends that ten multi-agency service centers be eliminated as necessary, leaving only the two in Watts and East Oakland.

The Republicans also call for a reduction of \$3.8 million in proposed allocations to local agencies for purchase and improvement of parks. The amount saved would later be used for purchase of state parks after adequate development studies are made.

ANOTHER PART of the program proposes that \$2 million be repaid to the general fund by the small craft harbor fund, which now has a surplus, it is alleged. Originally, before the small craft harbor fund was created, the amount was loaned from the general fund to help construct Los Angeles Playa del Rey marina, but so far, neither principal nor interest has ever been repaid.

THOUGH THE Economic Development Agency would be restored to life by a \$350,000 item in the administration budget, after being completely axed in 1965, the Republican caucus advocates that only one position, instead of the 22 jobs, be approved to answer queries about industrial plant location. In this, the group also concurs with the Legislative Analyst.

The caucus chairman declared that his party's economy proposals would reduce the need for new taxes the following year by the \$61.6 million cut from this budget.

### Author, Actress to Speak To Manuscripters Friday

"The pitfalls of the Hollywood Promotion Game," will be the subject of a talk by Margaret Rector, author, playwright, director, and actress when she appears as guest speaker before the Southwest Manuscripters Friday evening.

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